

RICHESON FOUND SANE; HIS LAST HOPE GONE

Governor Foss Will Not Refer
Petition for Commutation of
Sentence to His Council.

PRISONER A NEURASTHENIC

Declared Subject to Hysterical
Insanity, but Sane at Time of
Murder and Now—Not
Told of Fate.

Boston, May 16.—(Clarence V. T. Richeson's last hope of escaping the death chair next week for the murder of Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, expired to-night when Governor Foss announced that he would not refer Richeson's petition for commutation of sentence to the Executive Council.

The statement from the Governor followed closely the filing of the reports of the special insanity commission, which declared the condemned man sane, although subject to fits of hysterical insanity. The commission found that Richeson was sane at the time of the murder and that he was sane at the present time.

In the death chamber at the Charles-town State Prison the prisoner has borne himself calmly since he was transferred from the Charles street jail on Tuesday. It was apparent that he still had hopes that clemency would be extended to him, and it was believed to-day that this alone was keeping up his spirits.

The statement issued by Governor Foss shows that the alienists found that Richeson's family were afflicted very generally with insanity, and that the condemned man is himself a neuritic, a somnambulist and a neurasthenic, and subject to hysterical insanity.

The Governor's statement follows:

Executive clemency will not be extended in the case of Clarence V. T. Richeson, a prisoner sentenced upon his own confession and without trial for a crime which appears impossible that any normal man could commit.

At his confession and sentence a plea of insanity was set up by his counsel and strongly supported by affidavits extending over his life. The character of these affidavits left no doubt in the mind of the Governor that to submit these and the prisoner himself to an examination by our leading alienists, in order to protect the commonwealth from the charges that the man was actually insane when the deed was committed as well as at the present time.

The evidence shows that Richeson's family is heavily afflicted with insanity, that he himself is neuritic, a somnambulist and a neurasthenic, that he is subject to extreme emotional disturbances, marked by loss of memory, which two alienists have diagnosed as hysterical insanity, one physician adding the alternative term of hysterical delirium, and the majority opinion indicating that these attacks are hysterical attacks marked by emotional disturbances of brief duration, with loss of memory during the attack and for a varying period following it.

The evidence, however, while clearly revealing these attacks, indicates that his crime was not committed by him during such an attack. Therefore, while there is some divergence of opinion among the alienists as to whether these attacks indicate actual insanity, there is sufficient ground for the conclusion that he is accountable for his crime and that the exercise of clemency in this instance would be contrary to the public good.

The affidavits and medical evidence as to Richeson's unfavorable heredity, his lapses of consciousness and his attacks of delirium are too voluminous to include in this statement and are not suited to publication.

The alienists referred to are Dr. Edward B. Lane and Dr. J. H. Corbit, acting for the defense; Dr. L. Vernon Briggs, acting at the personal request of the Governor; and Drs. Henry P. Steadman, George Tuttle and Henry P. Frost, acting as a commission for the Commonwealth.

Spiritual Adviser Pays Visit.

Richeson was not informed of the Governor's decision to-night. His spiritual adviser, the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, and the prison chaplain, the Rev. Herbert W. Stebbins, visited the prisoner.



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TITANIC WAIFS FOUND BY MOTHER.

Mme. Michel Navratil and her two children, "Lolo" and "Lump," who were reunited yesterday.

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at 8 o'clock and remained with him for an hour. At the time they entered the death chamber they were not aware, however, of the Governor's finding.

On leaving the death house Mr. Johnson was informed for the first time of the decision. "I am very sorry, I had held hopes that it might be different," he said. "However, I think the Governor has acted very humanely and with great justice and wisdom in submitting the matter to alienists as he has."

When asked if he would notify the prisoner of his fate in the morning, Mr. Johnson said he could not tell.

Deputy Warden N. D. Allen said to-night that the prison officials would not give the prisoner the news. He expected it would be conveyed to him sometime to-morrow, either through the condemned man's counsel, Mr. Morse, or one of the clergymen, Mr. Stebbins or Mr. Johnson.

Richeson's day passed very quietly. He wrote no letters, but received three from members of his family.

The only unusual occurrence about the prisoner was the appearance this morning of a supposed crank near the door to the death house. The man carried a revolver, and when discovered ran out of the prison yard and escaped. In his flight he dropped a number of loose cartridges.

William A. Morse, counsel for Richeson, felt very keenly the Governor's decision.

"Although I feel that the evidence submitted warranted a different conclusion, as one of Richeson's counsel I wish to thank Governor Foss for his thoughtful consideration of the petition for commutation of Richeson's sentence," he said. "He was just and courageous enough in the midst of a bitter cry for vengeance to pause and look around him."

"I who have been so near Richeson during all these months, feel very sad that it must finally end in his being killed by the method at present approved by the law. He now must look for merciful judgment to his God, to whose service in the innocence of his boyhood he consecrated himself."

"WHITE SLAVE," SAYS GIRL

Ex-Magistrate's Foster Daughter Causes Three Arrests.

Miss Mabel D. Gates, foster daughter of former City Magistrate Henry Gates, of Utica, applied to Chief Magistrate Otto Kempner, of the Adams street police court, Brooklyn, yesterday for aid in her effort to break off her relations with persons whom she charged with forcing her to lead an immoral life. Miss Gates is twenty-three years old, and lives with Mr. Gates at No. 132 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn. He has law offices in the Hudson Terminal Building, Manhattan.

Miss Gates told the magistrate she returned home at 11:45 o'clock on Easter eve and found the house locked up. While trying to get in she was approached by an Italian, whom she knew as Louis. He persuaded her to accompany him to the home of his sister. The woman turned out to be Mrs. Mamie Lamano, who lives with her husband, Michael Lamano, at No. 533 Warren street. The Italian, she alleges, mistreated her, and threatened to kill her if she did not comply with their wishes. Under their direction she was employed at a massage parlor in Atlantic avenue.

The Lamano family, it is charged, sold their claim in the girl for \$5 to Mrs. Mary Petersen, of No. 467 State street. Recently Mrs. Petersen had her frequent No. 90 Flatbush avenue. The girl finally summoned up courage on Wednesday to tell her foster father of her predicament, and he took her to the police. Warrants were secured, and the Lamano couple, Mrs. Petersen and a number of Mrs. Petersen's inmates were arrested in raids. All were arraigned in court yesterday. The three principals were held in \$5,000 bail each and the rest in \$500 bail each.

MARRIAGE LAW CHANGED

Consent of Parent of Divorced Minor Alone Required.

Albany, May 16.—The State Health Department is preparing to put in operation three changes made in the marriage license law by the Legislature this year. One amendment provides that the applicant for a license must swear that the statement of facts indorsed on the certificate is true. Another extends the authority to perform the marriage ceremony to justices in villages, and the third provides that in the case of divorced persons the consent of the parents in charge of the minor about to be married is all that is required.

Under the old law the consent of both parents was required.

WOMEN ELECT A WIDOW MAYOR.

Sheridan, Wyo., May 16.—Mrs. Susie Wiesler, a widow, has been elected Mayor of Dayton, Wyo., by a majority of the votes were cast by women.

WAR ON "TURKEY TROT"

Working Girls' Committee Shows Dances That Aren't Naughty.

The working girls of New York will flit no more with the turkey trot this summer at Coney Island or on the grizzly bear on the recreation pier, if the committee on Amusement Resources of Working Girls (Inc.) has anything to say about it. The association is determined to teach working girls that other dances will do just as well, and for that purpose it gave an open dancing lesson yesterday afternoon at the studio of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Durfee, No. 41 West 23d street.

About two hundred young women and seven young men who had volunteered to teach the new dances to the workers were present, and to them Mrs. Charles Henry Isaacs made a short opening address, saying that it was most desirable that the present form of dancing be abolished.

In conclusion she introduced Mrs. Durfee as the man who would illustrate how the new dances should be executed. Mr. Durfee, with the assistance of Miss Margaret Dinkwall, then danced a turkey-trot to show how ugly it was, and then a number of other dances to show how graceful they were. The other dances bore various names. There was the "Tango two-step" and the "Pamphle waltz" and the "Aviation slide," and the "Dorothy Boston," and all were far, far removed from the naughty "turkey" and the inexpressible "grizzly."

Following Mr. Durfee's illustrations the two hundred young women and the seven young men began to learn the dances. They appeared to be very successful. Whether or not they will be as successful in impressing the working girls this summer remains to be seen, but it was evident that they were going into the uplift movement with a hearty good spirit.

WORK HORSE PARADE NEAR

Mrs. Speyer Expects It To Be Larger than Ever Before.

The flutter of excitement which about this time every year pervades the horse world in the best circles—those whose drivers take a pride in their appearance—is beginning to be felt in stable society. For the annual work horse parade, which was instituted some years ago by hand, Women's League for Animals, is at hand. It will take place on Memorial Day, and Mrs. James Speyer, president of the league, says that the number of entries is larger than it has ever been before.

Especially full will be the veteran drivers' class. This class is open to drivers who have been twenty years or longer in the service of their present employers (or of one business, it counts just the same for the driver if the personnel of the business has changed). The driver who can prove the longest service gets a cash prize of \$5. Provided his horse is a blue ribbon winner. Various smaller prizes are given in this class. It is the part of the parade which always is enjoyed most by horse lovers, for many of the animals driven by these men are of long service, too, and it is pleasant to see how well, under the care they have, they carry their years.

The champion among long service drivers so far entered is R. Moloy, who has a record of fifty-two years' service for Todd & Co. Tony and Jerry, the team driven by Frank Moloy, are seven years the team Real, for point of long service, is a driver for Ira G. Lane, Charles H. Van Ert, who has been in the service of ribbon handling are Joseph Rein, twenty-eight years with the Knickerbocker Ice Company, driving Rusty and George; Michael Murphy, twenty-seven years with the Thomas Crummins Contracting Company, driving Dick and Harry; George A. Horstman, twenty-six years with E. N. Little's Sons, driving Joe; Max Faas, twenty-six years with the Knickerbocker Ice Company, driving Jerry and Tom; Goldie's Son & Co., driving Greenhorn and Mary Davis, twenty-four years with the Sulzberger & Sons Company, driving Joe; William Maas, twenty-three years with Belnecke & Co., driving Joe and Major; Charles Barreis, twenty-three years with the Sulzberger & Sons Company, driving Senator, Teddie, Spindler, Dorsey, Red, Sport and Peter; Frank Wasmaker, twenty-two years with Elizabeth Heckman, driving Tobie; John Stern, twenty-two years with Heferschausen Brothers, driving Baby, and Tony Challenor, twenty years with Frank Trapani, driving Dick.

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MOTHER HERE FOR WAIFS

Overcome with Joy at Sight of Babies Saved from Titanic.

BACK TO FRANCE SATURDAY

Mme. Navratil Tells How Husband, Lost at Sea, Stole Children Easter Morning.

The great Titanic disaster has served the good purpose of reuniting Mme. Michel Navratil and her two beautiful little boys, whom her husband stole from her. These were the two waifs, Michel and Edmond, known far and wide as "Lolo" and "Lump," whom Miss Margaret Hays found in the bottom of her lifeboat and cared for. The mother arrived in New York on the Oceanic yesterday morning to hug them to her in an ecstasy of love and gratitude for their restoration.

Mme. Navratil, who in spite of her deep experience of life is a beautiful Italian girl of only twenty-one years, had not seen her babies since Easter, nor until the details of the Titanic's sinking were published did she have an inkling of where they were. Even then she could only entertain a suspicion that the two rescued children might be her own. She was here, for the French papers did not get their pictures for some time after the Carpathia had landed them in New York.

She was living in Nice, where her husband had been a fashionable tailor for women. When at last a Paris paper printed the pictures of "Lolo" and "Lump," she knew them for her own. Still, she needed further proof, because they had sailed on the Titanic as the children of Louis M. Hoffman, a second class passenger. She took a picture of her husband to the steamship ticket agent at Monte Carlo, and he identified it as that of the man who had booked passage on the Titanic for himself and his two children as Louis M. Hoffman. The man went down with the ship.

In the mean time Miss Hays had surrendered the little boys to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The organization set on foot an inquiry for the mother in France. The White Star Line became satisfied of the young mother's identity and provided her free passage to America in the second cabin of the Oceanic.

Fearful She Might Be Wrong.

The dreadful suspense of that voyage was heightened in the mother's mind by the fear that possibly those two cherubs whom she was travelling so far to claim would turn out to be strangers. Miss Hays and Frank P. Hays, Miss Hays's father, and Thomas D. Walsh, superintendent of the Children's Society, were at the pier to meet her. She could hardly wait for the customs officers to examine her baggage, but she fought her way through the crowd to express to Miss Hays her profound gratitude for the latter's loving care of her children. Once the maddening formalities at the pier were over, Superintendent Walsh conducted her to a taxi-cab and together they drove to the Children's Society Building, at Fourth avenue and 23d street.

An elevator took them to the fifth floor, where Miss Rose Bruno, a cousin of Mme. Navratil, waited with the children in the nurses' parlor. Superintendent Walsh opened the door and then stole away, leaving the pretty young mother, dressed entirely in black, framed in the open doorway. Miss Bruno told her later what happened.

Michel, four years old, gazed at his mother a moment, struggling with his tears, before he broke into a smile. Edmond, two years and a half, became immediately all eyes and a half. Then both cried: "Oh, maman, oh, maman!" and rushed into her arms, while all three broke down and sobbed out their joy unrestrainedly.

Some two hours afterward the mother consented to tell her story, in French, and still later she went to bed with a sick headache, on the verge of a complete breakdown.

Married at Age of Fourteen.

Mme. Navratil's maiden name was Marcelle Collatta. Her parents were Italian. She was born in Buenos Ayres and brought up in Genoa. Later she went to live in Nice, where she met Michel Navratil, from Preburg, Hungary, and married him. That was when she was only fourteen years old. They lived together happily, she said, until after Edmond's birth. Navratil began complaining then that she gave the children much more attention than she did him. Last September the court granted a separation and appointed an aunt of the mother as guardian of the children.

It was from this aunt's home in Nice that the father stole the children Easter morning, and, having sold his tailoring establishment in Nice, sailed with them from Cherbourg to make his fortune in America.

Mme. Navratil explained that she must believe her husband to be dead, but that she had no proof that he and Louis M. Hoffman, who went down with the Titanic, were identical except the false identification of the photograph and ticket agent and the fact that those two precious babies were her very own.

She will stay with them at the Children's Society quarters until Saturday and then return with them to Nice on the Oceanic to resume her occupation as saleswoman in the shop of a modiste.

AIDS MOVEMENT FOR PEACE

Mrs. Elmer Black Gives \$5,000 to Council of Churches.

Mrs. Elmer Black, of No. 512 Fifth avenue, who is interested in the movement to raise arbitration for war and thus bring about universal peace, has made a gift of \$5,000 to the new commission on peace and arbitration of the Federal Council of Churches. The commission was formed recently to unite the churches of the country in a great church peace league. Because of the gift of Mrs. Black it will be possible to begin an active campaign at once.

By communicating with clergymen, supplying them with material for sermons on the question of universal peace, sending articles and editorials to the 1,000 religious publications in the country and by various other expedients the commission hopes to organize the 150,000,000 people represented in the Federal Council of Churches into a church league of peace and affiliate at once with the German and English churches. Another end toward which the commission will labor will be the bringing together of several thousand clergymen from all countries before the third Hague conference is held.

Mrs. Black was the president of the third National Peace Congress at Baltimore and the Universal Peace Congress at London last summer. She has been the director of the educational and propaganda work of the American Peace and Arbitration League and obtained more than 30,000 sermons on world unity from pulpits of various religious denominations on November 26, 1911.

To further the interest in peace Mrs. Black offers two prizes each year, one of \$500 and the other \$100, at Lake Mohonk, the peace conference centre, to college girls for the best essays on universal peace. At present Mrs. Black is in Europe. While in England recently she was presented at court.

WOMEN STUDENTS LEAD MEN.

Evansville, Ill., May 16.—Of twenty-nine students of the senior class of Northwestern University elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, an honor awarded for high standing, twenty-four are women. None of the men chosen belonged to a fraternity, and only five of the women are sorority members.

MRS. BELL FEARED LAWYERS

Suit Over \$150,000 Reveals Mental Peculiarities.

More testimony was adduced yesterday in the Supreme Court to show the peculiarities of mind and action of Mrs. Sarah Bell, who died in 1905, leaving an estate of \$150,000. She was the daughter-in-law of the owner of the Bell Steamship Line and was ninety-three years old and nearly blind when she died.

After disposing of \$25,000 of her estate in several bequests, she divided the residue among her niece, Mrs. Mary Carroll, Dennis Quinn, her lawyer, and Bernard K. Higgins, her nephew.

Mrs. Carroll is said to set aside the will on the ground that her aunt had promised to make her the chief beneficiary in return for inducing her to marry a man from whom Mrs. Carroll separated.

The testimony yesterday brought out the penury in which Mrs. Bell lived in the last years of her life, despite her money, and that for fourteen years before her death she had no other home than No. 118 East 23d street. Mrs. Bell also had a decided aversion to lawyers, and told of a lawyer trying to induce her to make a will. She had made other wills, Mrs. Bell said, but destroyed them, so the lawyers would not get her money.

Much of the testimony indicated that for some time in her declining years Mrs. Bell was not rational. She feared old and faithful servants, and would not let them or her husband or her nephew, and she insisted that she was too poor to buy food.

Felix Cavanaugh, a second cousin of Mrs. Bell, said she would put her money in a little safe, and when he suggested that she would have to get a larger safe she would answer: "Oh, I'm a poor woman. I have no husband to work for me." Cavanaugh said that Mrs. Bell used to tell him that she meant to leave her estate to Mrs. Carroll and Higgins.

Miss Anna Louise Clarke, a Brooklyn school teacher, who had been a friend of Mrs. Bell for many years, and who had received a diamond pin from her, testified that earlier in her life Mrs. Bell was a generous woman. She had servants, carriages and horses. She lived then in Walker street.

NOT HIS CHILD, LETTER SAYS

Witness Also So Testifies in Van Ness Will Contest.

Witnesses continued yesterday in the Surrogate's Court to update the contest of Mrs. Alice Van Ness, widow of her husband, Cornelius H. Van Ness, who gave her nearly all his estate of about \$1,000,000, was of sound mind before and at the time of his death, which his daughter, Mrs. Alice Van Ness Parsons, who is the principal contestant of his will, is trying to disprove.

At one point in the trial, which has been going on for several weeks, a letter was produced, in which Mrs. Van Ness wrote that she was not the father of Mrs. Parsons, who it was said, was a daughter by the first of his three marriages. Testimony tending to prove this stated non-relationship of blood between Mr. Van Ness and Mrs. Parsons was given yesterday by G. P. Washburn, president of the Washburn Department Stores, of Boston. He said that in conversation with the aged testator the latter had told him that he had an adopted daughter named Alice, that he paid a large amount of money for her musical education, and that she had married a Mr. Parsons.

Mrs. Washburn said that he first met Mr. and Mrs. Van Ness in 1902 on board the steamship Celtic while they were going to Europe, and he and Mr. Van Ness then formed a friendship that continued up to the time of the death of Mr. Van Ness. The witness said that through all that time the testator, despite his years, impressed him as fully competent and rational.

Dr. Ernest C. Schultz, who had treated Mr. Van Ness, testified that the latter was at all times competent, and gave no indication that he was suffering from any mental trouble. Dr. Schultz was formerly a surgeon in the United States army, and said he had treated many insane soldiers in the Philippines. The case will be continued Monday.

HE WEDS AND WINS \$10,000

Three Wooing Trips Won Divorcee Who Answered Wife Wanted "Ad."

Philadelphia, N. J., barber who recently received word that he must marry within eighteen months to receive a \$10,000 legacy left by his aunt, this morning captured the \$10,000 by marrying Miss Florence Call, of this city. Miss Call was one of the young women who answered Martin's advertisement for applicants to share the \$10,000 with him.

"I answered the advertisement as a joke," said Miss Call just before the ceremony. "But Harry came along, and I rather liked him. I didn't want his \$10,000, as I have money of my own. We didn't talk much about the legacy—just made the ordinary kind of love so common nowadays. I decided I wanted to marry him and he gave me just the loveliest diamond ring you ever saw."

The wooing of Martin consisted of three trips to the home of Miss Call. The third trip was made last Sunday night to make arrangements for the wedding. After the ceremony the couple started for Chicago to collect the \$10,000 left by the aunt.

Mrs. Martin is a divorcee, having divorced her first husband, who was a special officer at the United States Arsenal here last January.

JUSTIFIES WHIPPING WIFE

Not Cruelty When Use of Rod Is Disciplinary, Says Divorce Master.

Allentown, Penn., May 16.—In an extraordinary document, Alfred S. Hartzell, as master, opposes the granting of a divorce in the suit brought by Fannie J. Clewell, of Catsasqua, against Robert A. Clewell. The wife alleges cruel and barbarous treatment. The master says:

Corporal chastisement of a wife by a husband when provoked by false accusations of infidelity, and I rather liked the master also finds it difficult to sympathize very deeply with one who received after the manner in which she gave to the public a false picture of the more drastic corrective measures.

There are no grounds of civil law, and, adults, too, whose inherent perversity yields to nothing less potent than the descending rod.

SUSPENDS SENTENCE ON WOMAN.

Mrs. Pearl Spence, of No. 129 West 10th street, pleaded guilty to the theft of a brooch worth \$120 from her aunt, Mrs. Olive Branch Laniel, known on the stage as Olive Redpath, before Judge Grant in Criminal Sessions yesterday. Sentence was suspended.

Mrs. Spence said that she was in pecuniary difficulties unknown to her husband, and seeing how easy it was to take the brooch, had succumbed to the temptation.

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SEES DEATH OF CHIVALRY

Alabama Governor's Wife Thinks Woman Suffrage Will Be Its End.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Philadelphia, May 16.—Mrs. Emmett O'Neal, wife of the Governor of Alabama, believes woman suffrage is bound to come, though she does not favor it, and that when it does come it will prove a deathblow to chivalry. Mrs. O'Neal, who is visiting here with her husband, said to-day that less interest was felt in the South than in the North in the woman suffrage movement, and added:

"Yes, yes, it is inevitable, of course. The American man will give a woman anything she asks for. But I can imagine the falling away of little courtesies that women love when once the vote is obtained. We all like men to give us their seats in trolley cars; and will they do it then?"

"I can quite imagine men drinking their toasts, Here's to women, once our superiors, now our equals!" I can also believe that the outcome of the Titanic wreck would have been quite different if women had obtained their rights instead of being accorded their privileges. They would have taken their chances with the men and the lifeboats would have been picked out by the women. The fate of the liquor question was at stake. The women supporting prohibition had carried on a campaign almost fanatical in its bitterness, and during the election they stormed the polls.

"Whenever a man voted for local option they would hiss him and abuse him terribly," Mrs. O'Neal said. "I decided then that I wouldn't want to see women at the polls if they were going to act that way."

GIRL "JOY RIDERS" IN JAIL

Sentenced to Thirty Days as a Warning to Other Young Women.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Philadelphia, May 16.—To make an example of girls who take part in "joy rides," Magistrate MacFarland to-day sentenced Jennie Smith and Virginia Allen to thirty days in the county prison, on the technical charge of disorderly conduct. In passing sentence the magistrate said:

"I send you each to thirty days in the county prison. I am doing this to discourage 'joy rides,' and I hope it will be a lesson to other girls who make a practice of such rides, during which machines are generally driven fast, and it is dangerous to pedestrians."

While on the ride the machine struck the Rev. Alfred Yost, knocking him down and breaking his left leg. After the mishap the chauffeur threw on greater speed and got away. Subsequently he was arrested and is held on bail. It was made clear that the women urged the chauffeur to drive at high speed.

DR. WILEY A PROUD FATHER

Arrival of Baby Boy Brings Joy to Pure Food Advocate.

Washington, May 16.—With the Bureau of Chemistry still without a chief, a possible hereditary successor to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley arrived in Washington to-day, when the former chief chemist of the United States became the father of a boy, his first born.

All official trials and tribulations were forgotten, and there was unalloyed joy in the Wiley household. Dr. Wiley married Miss Anna G. Kelton a year ago.

TWO YEARS FOR BIGAMIST.

Chicago, May 16.—Max Gerber, formerly of London, Eng., who is said to have been previously married seven women so that he might obtain their earnings, was sentenced by Judge Carpenter yesterday to two years' imprisonment.

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